

CLAIMS:

1. A vacuum cleaner comprising:
 - 5 (a) a cleaning head for cleaning a surface;
 - (b) a cyclone container having a wall having an inner surface and a longitudinally extending axis;
 - (c) a fluid inlet to the at least one cyclone container; and,
 - 10 (d) a fluid conduit integrally formed as part of the cyclone container.
2. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fluid conduit extends through a central portion of the cyclone container.
- 15 3. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fluid conduit includes an exit portion which extends within the cyclone container from the central portion outwardly to the fluid inlet.
4. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fluid inlet is
20 positioned adjacent the inner wall of the cyclone container.
5. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fluid conduit has an outlet portion, and the outlet portion and the fluid inlet are configured to redirect air traveling there through in a first direction
25 towards the wall and in a second direction to introduce the fluid tangentially to the cyclone container.
6. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fluid conduit is positioned exterior to the cyclone container.
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7. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein in the fluid conduit extends linearly.

8. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fluid conduit is positioned exterior to the cyclone container and the fluid conduit extends linearly.
- 5 9. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fluid conduit extends through the cyclone container to an opening in the bottom of the cyclone container and comprises an air exit for the cyclone container.
- 10 10. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 9 wherein the fluid conduit extends linearly.
11. A vacuum cleaner comprising:
- 15 (a) a cleaning head for cleaning a surface;
- (b) a cyclone container having a wall having an inner surface and a longitudinally extending axis;
- (c) a fluid inlet to the at least one cyclone container; and,
- (d) a fluid conduit extending through the cyclone container to an opening in the bottom of the cyclone container and comprises an air exit for the cyclone container.
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12. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 11 wherein the fluid conduit extends through a central portion of the cyclone container.
- 25 13. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 11 wherein the fluid inlet is positioned adjacent the inner wall of the cyclone container.
14. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 11 wherein in the fluid conduit extends linearly.
- 30 15. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 12 wherein in the fluid conduit extends linearly.